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NUCLEAR FUSION

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT APPEARED IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPER IN TOKYO ON JAN 11, QUOTE:

1. VISITING SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO SUNDAY
AGREED TO HELP PROMOTE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES
OF INFORMATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION ON THE JOINT
QUEST OF WAYS OF HARNESSING NUCLEAR FUSION POWER.

2. GROMYKO AGREED TO THE COLLABORATION PROPOSED BY YASUHIRO
NAKASONE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE RULING LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC
PARTY, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALMOST LIMITLESS SOURCE OF
ENERGY.

3. THE HYDROGEN FUSION PROCESS, SIMPLY STATED, IS ALMOST THE
EXACT OPPOSITE OF NUCLEAR FISSION. HEAVY HYDROGEN NEEDED FOR
THE PROCESS IS AVAILABLE IN UNLIMITED AMOUNTS.

4. NAKASONE CALLED ON GROMYKO AT HIS HOTEL HERE IN THE
MORNING. THEY HELD TALKS FOR ONE HOUR AND A HALF.

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5. NAKASONE TOLD REPORTERS LATER THAT THE TALKS "WERE HELD

IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND PROVED VERY SIGNIFICANT."

6. AS PART OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE, NAKASONE ADVOCATED THE JOINT STUDY ON THE BASIS OF THE SOVIET-DEVELOPED TOKOMAK NUCLEAR FUSION EXPERIMENTAL PROCESS, JAPANESE OFFICIALS SAID. END QUOTE.
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